List of Classified Structures



Bonita Well Corral

Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Bonita Well Corral

Structure Number: HS03B

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s)

No records.

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

1. Gray Family Partnership

Structure State: Arizona
Structure County: Pima

Region: Intermountain
Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056719

Historical Significance:

National Register Status: Determined Eligible - SHPO

National Register Date: 09/26/1995

National Historic Landmark?: No

Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description: The Bonita Well Corral, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible for the NR

as contributing structure to potential district, at the local level, for Criteria A, Sonoran Desert Cattle Ranching; and B, assoc'n w/Robert Louis Gray, Sr..

Period of significance, 1919-1976.

Long Significance Description:

The Bonita Well Corral, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible for the NR as a contributing structure to a potential historic district, Gray Family Partnership Historic District, at the local level of significance, under NR Criteria A, Sonoran Desert Cattle Ranching, and B, association with Robert Louis Gray, Sr., "the quintessential frontier cattleman" of the area.

The large corral is located at one of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family cattle business which dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years. The Grays, Robert Louis, Sr., and sons Robert, Jr., Henry, and Jack, began the trend of buying up water rights, ranches and line camps in 1919. They utilized the open range via a trigger gate to lure their cattle to water in their corrals at round-up time. It also illustrates the need for ranchers to make do with the materials they had at hand since supplies sere hard to come by. Period of significance, 1919 -1976.

The Determination of Eligibility for the Bonita Well Corral was signed by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer on September 26, 1995.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

		Ве		Begin	3egin			
		Physical	Begin	Year	End	Year		Designer
		Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer	Occupation
	1.	Built	1930	AD	1939	AD	Gray, Henry	Other
							or Robert	
L							Louis	

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Enclosure/Exclosure

Primary Current Use: Vacant/Maintained (Mothballed)

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

	Other Function(s) or Use(s)	Historic or Current
1.	Livestock	Historic

Physical Description:

Structure Type: Building

4000 Square Feet:

Material(s):

Structural Component(s) Material(s) Superstructure Wood

2.	Substructure	Concrete		
3.	Superstructure	Metal		

Short Physical Description:

100' x 40' corral w/ 3 compartments. E section mesquite posts w/ barbed wire, RR tie gate posts, lumber trigger gate & conc. trough 20'9"x6', 21" deep. Center holding pen. W section 8' walls of RR ties w/ loading chute. Gate posts in concrete.

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